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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

12. (amended) The ink according to claim 4, wherein said ink has a surface tension at 25°C of 40 mN/m or less.

13. (amended) The ink according to claim 4, containing at least one of 0% to 20% by weight of di (tri) ethylene glycol monobutyl ether and 0% to 10% by weight of (di) propylene glycol monobutyl ether, each based on the weight of said ink.

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